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SUBJ: HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE FOR ANGOLA

1. IN CONVERSATION JANUARY 13 WITH EMBOFF, FONMIN
OFFICIAL CONFIRMED PRESS REPORT APPEARING THE SAME
DAY IN DIE WELT WHICH STATED THAT THE FEDERAL
REPUBLIC HAS BEEN PROVIDING HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE
TO THE THREE FACTIONS INVOLVED IN THE ANGOLAN WAR.
FONMIN OFFICIAL TOLD US THAT ASSISTANCE OVER THE
PAST EIGHT MONTHS HAS TOTALED DM 550,000 (\$210,000),
AND HAS CONSISTED CHIEFLY OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES. EACH OF
THE THREE FACTIONS HAS RECEIVED ROUGHLY DM 100,000
AND THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS THE REMAINING DM 250,000.
IN RECENT MONTHS, AS A RESULT OF THE INTENSIFIED
MILITARY CONFLICT, THE FRG HAS FOUND IT INCREASINGLY
DIFFICULT TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO THE THREE FACTIONS
IN AN EVEN-HANDED MANNER.

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2. IN CONTRAST TO THE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE INTERIOR AND FOREIGN MINISTRIES, THE DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OF THE ECONCOOPMIN IS CURRENTLY ON ICE. ECONCOOPMIN HAS BUDGETED FUNDS FOR ANGOLAN PROGRAMS IN 1976, BUT WILL NOT EVEN BEGIN PRELIMINARY CONSIDERATION OF ANGOLAN NEEDS UNTIL THE MILITARY SITUATION IS RESOLVED. DUE TO THE EXTENSIVE LEAD TIME REQUIRED, DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL AFRICAN SECTION IN ECONCOOPMIN DOUBTS THAT ANY ASSISTANCE WILL ACTUALLY BE PROVIDED THIS YEAR. COMMODITY ASSISTANCE, SHOULD THE FRG DECIDE TO PROVIDE IT AT A LATER DATE, WILL HAVE TO BE ARRANGED BY THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR AND FONMIN.
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